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Severe Tropical Storm FRANCISCO (MEKKHALA)

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FRANCISCO MAINTAINS ITS STRENGTH WHILE MOVING NORTH NORTHEASTWARD TOWARDS RYUKYU ISLANDS

Location of Center (4:00 PM)

The center of Severe Tropical Storm FRANCISCO was estimated based on all available data at **625 km Northeast of Itbayat, Batanes (24.8°N, 126.1°E).**

Intensity

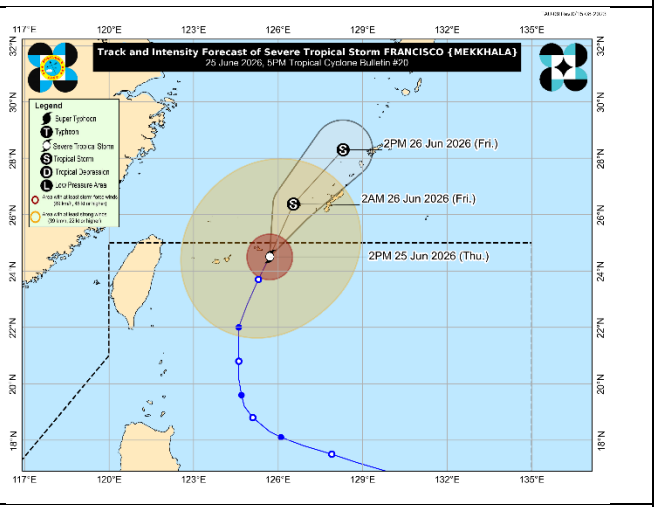
Maximum sustained winds of **95 km/h** near the center, gustiness of up to **115 km/h**, and central pressure of **990 hPa.**

Present Movement

North Northeastward at 15 km/h

Extent of Tropical Cyclone Winds

Strong to storm-force winds extend outwards up to **400 km** from the center


Track and Intensity Forecast of Severe Tropical Storm FRANCISCO (MEKKHALA)
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TRACK AND INTENSITY FORECAST

Date and Time	Center Position			Intensity		Movement dir. and speed (km/h)
	Lat. (°N)	Lon. (°E)	Location	MSW (km/h)	Cat.	
12-Hour Forecast 2:00 AM 26 June 2026	26.4	126.5	785 km Northeast of Itbayat, Batanes (OUTSIDE PAR)	85	TS	NNE 20
24-Hour Forecast 2:00 PM 26 June 2026	28.3	128.3	1,060 km Northeast of Extreme Northern Luzon (OUTSIDE PAR)	75	TS	NE 25

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TROPICAL CYCLONE WIND SIGNALS (TCWS) IN EFFECT
No Wind Signal is currently hoisted

OTHER HAZARDS AFFECTING LAND AREAS

Heavy Rainfall Outlook

Refer to **Weather Advisory No. 15 issued at 05:00 PM today** for the heavy rainfall outlook due to the Southwest Monsoon.

Severe Winds

The Southwest Monsoon will bring **strong to gale-force gusts** over the following areas (especially in coastal and upland areas exposed to winds):

- **Today:** Most of Luzon, Panay Island, and Negros Occidental.
- **Tomorrow (26 June):** Most of Luzon.
- **Saturday (27 June)**: Most of Luzon

HAZARDS AFFECTING COASTAL WATERS

24-Hour Sea Condition Outlook

Up to rough seas over the following coastal waters:
- **Up to 3.0 m:** The seaboard of Batanes.
- **Mariners of small seacrafts, including all types of motorbancas, are advised not to venture out to sea under these conditions, especially if inexperienced or operating ill-equipped vessels.**

Up to moderate seas over the following coastal waters:
- **Up to 2.5 m:** The northern and western seaboards of Babuyan Islands; the northern seaboard of Ilocos Norte.
- **Up to 2.0 m:** The remaining seaboards of Babuyan Islands and Ilocos Norte; the seaboards of mainland Cagayan, Isabela, northern Aurora, Ilocos Sur, La Union, Zambales, Lubang Island, and Kalayaan Islands; the western seaboards of Pangasinan, Bataan, and Batangas.
- **Mariners of motorbancas and similarly sized vessels are advised to take precautionary measures while venturing out to sea and, if possible, avoid navigation under these conditions.**

Other coastal waters have forecast wave heights of less than 2.0 m.

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- **It must be emphasized that heavy rainfall and severe winds may still be experienced in localities outside the forecast confidence cone. Refer to "Other Hazards affecting Land Areas" for more details. Furthermore, the track may still shift within the limit of the forecast confidence cone.**
- FRANCISCO will continue moving generally northeastward towards Ryukyu Islands and sea south of mainland Japan throughout the forecast period. On the track forecast, FRANCISCO will exit the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) within the next 6 hours.
- FRANCISCO is forecast to further weaken and will be downgraded to tropical storm tomorrow (26 June).

Considering these developments, the public and disaster risk reduction and management offices concerned are advised to take all necessary measures to protect life and property. Persons living in areas identified to be highly or very highly susceptible to these hazards are advised to follow evacuation and other instructions from local officials. **For heavy rainfall warnings, thunderstorm/rainfall advisories, and other severe weather information specific to your area, please monitor products issued by your local PAGASA Regional Services Division.**

The next tropical cyclone bulletin will be issued at 11:00 PM today.

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